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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required.

The documents were cited in an Office Action dated March 6, 2009, in a corresponding German application. A copy of the Office Action and a English translation thereof are being submitted herewith.

The documents are being submitted after the close of prosecution but prior to, or concurrently with, the payment of the issue fee, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) a statement and the fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) are enclosed.

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